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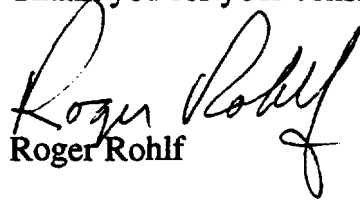
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Sir,

I am a radio control model airplane flyer and I read that we are about to loose some of our frequencies to mobile users on the house bill PR DOCKET 92-235.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz bands available for safe use for Radio Control hobby flyers.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Roger Rohlif

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The Honorable Mr. Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

January 28, 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Senator Danforth

I am a 45 year old voting, taxpaying, home owner in Florissant Mo. One of my favorite hobbies is to design, build and fly Radio Control Model Airplanes. These are not toys but fall into the category of miniature aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

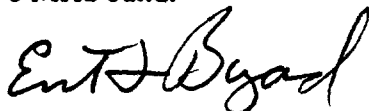
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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.



Ernest L. Buzard  
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Dear Senator Bond:

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February 4, 1993

Honorable Christopher Bond  
293 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2503

Dear Senator Bond:

I have been involved with radio-controlled airplanes for three years. As a relative newcomer to this hobby I still consider myself very much an amateur in learning the difficult and challenging hobby of flying an airplane via a radio. I am a member of the McDonnell Douglas R/C Club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I presently own one radio, three R/C models and a variety of equipment and tools necessary to construct, maintain and operate these models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC's PR Docket 92-235 is the matter of concern. If adopted, this new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

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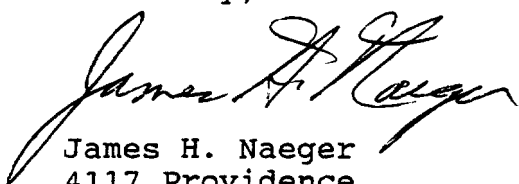
The FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in **PR Docket 92-235** replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating the safe use of a least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be greatly decreased.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. A major safety precaution involves the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. There is something very sobering about a fifteen to thirty pound aircraft, traveling in excess of 100 m.p.h., with a propeller spinning at 30,000 r.p.m., flying out-of-control. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished, as proposed by the FCC, this could very likely happen by interference from a mobile unit driving by the flying field and the R/C pilot has no warning or knowledge as to why his airplane is suddenly out-of-control.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think that modelers are as important as business users of radio (we certainly do not have the lobbyists to promote our cause), but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. R/C modeling is a sizeable industry with at least one large producer of R/C equipment in Missouri, which would be effected by this action by the FCC. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to halt this proposal from going into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James H. Naeger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

James H. Naeger  
4117 Providence  
St. Charles, MO 63304

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January 20, 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Christopher (Kit) Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

I have spent many years of enjoyment constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I belong to several local clubs whose members share a common interest. Between the building tools, airplane kits, radios, engines, finishing materials, all add up to a large investment. Joy abounds by the camaraderie that develops between father and son or daughter, grandfather and grandchildren by building and operating their model together. Kids sharing the hobby with an adult, learn how to use their hands and minds. Kids in R/C hobby aren't gang members!

I am very concerned about what has been proposed by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for radio control model usage. It will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72/76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Presently our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we co-exist by not interfering with one another.

The Notice Of Proposed Rule Making (NOPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows safe use of radio controlled aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiast. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eradicating safe use of at least 31 of 50 channels on the 72 Mhz band for R/C aircraft and, 10 of 30 frequencies on the 75 Mhz band for R/C cars and boats.

In supervised R/C model operation safety is paramount, for the spectators, operators, and property. Coordination of radio frequencies used simultaneously dictates our safety control and are strictly observed. Reduction of frequencies increases chances of accidents due to adjacent channel interference.

I think its unfair for the FCC to consider expanding the operations of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC must think we are not as worthy of radio frequency usage as the user of business radio. As individuals our power is how we vote, as an industry we contribute a sizable income to our nation. None of what we do contributes to the sales of drugs or the delinquency of children. The mobile communications industry can't say that. Is this going to be another scenario of the big guy and his paid lobbyist wins again? I hope not because I have faith in you that's why I'm appealing to you for your help

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72/76 Mhz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Cordially,

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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February 3, 1993

The Honorable Kit Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bond:

I wish to convey to you my great concern about some proposed changes (concerning the 72-76 MHz band) that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission that will have a very deleterious impact on my enjoyment of a hobby which I have pursued happily for almost two decades. The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235** and the hobby is the construction and flying of radio-controlled model aircraft. I will not try to present here the details of these proposed rule changes. I understand that has been done by a number of radio-control clubs and organizations, in particular the Academy of Model Aeronautics, of which I am a long-time member.

I want to emphasize three important consequences of the proposed changes. First, the changes would seriously jeopardize the important safety aspects of this hobby. The creation of many land mobile frequencies that are close to radio-control frequencies along with the reduction of available radio-control frequencies will create a congestion that simply cannot be tolerated because of the effect on the safe operation of these model aircraft. This is a hobby which attracts many spectators and we who engage in the sport are very mindful of the potential danger and, accordingly, have developed a variety of safety procedures, most of which focus on radio frequency issues. The maintenance of that safety is critically important.

Second, like everyone else in this hobby, I have a considerable financial investment in all of my radio control equipment. If I cannot use my radio equipment because of safety concerns, then I cannot use the rest of my equipment: models, engines, tools and building equipment, etc.

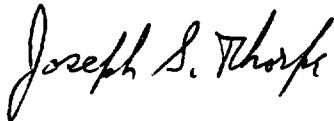
Third and even more personally, I want to note that I am approaching retirement in about a year and I look forward eagerly to my increased active involvement in this hobby, which has provided me with so many hours of pleasure shared with so many friends. Over the years, I have introduced many younger people to this most challenging and rewarding hobby and I will soon have the opportunity to share it with my growing grandchildren. I

will not even try to express here the mixture of disappointment and displeasure I experience at the thought of being denied that pleasure by approval of the proposed changes before the FCC.

I most sincerely request your assistance on the behalf of myself and the thousands of people who will be affected if the FCC approves these proposals.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph S. Thorpe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joseph S. Thorpe

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear, Christopher Bond

I am writing you with my concern about the PR Docket 92-235. I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy building and flying radio controlled model airplanes and helicopters.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from land mobile frequencies that we have able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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The Honorable Christopher Bond  
293 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2503

Dear Senator Bond:

I have been a radio-control model airplane hobbyist for over 30 years and I am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), a national model aviation organization. I teach young people and adults how to build and fly radio-control model airplanes.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is presently considering an action that will cause radio interference with the flight of a radio-controlled model aircraft. The FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket

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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bond:

I am a retired person and am very active in a local radio controlled model airplane club whose members enjoy constructing and operating these miniature aircraft.

I am deeply concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable frequencies currently assigned for model use and will increase the attendant liability for safely controlling our model airplanes.

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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond  
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Dear Senator Bond:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own several radios, R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

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Sincerely

*Benny Hefly*

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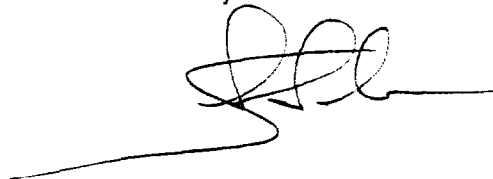
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Mr. William H. Boehl

R. P. #2 Box 46

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Senator Christopher Bond,

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

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SINCERELY,

William H. Boehl

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Mrs. Mary Boehl

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Palmyra, Mo. 63461

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Senator Christopher Bond  
293 Russell Building  
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Dear Mr. Bond,

This is my first year of being able to devote time to constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. I was in the military (a veteran of Desert Storm), for 7 1/2 years and only now after separation of the military have gotten active in a hobby I have been interested in for years. I am an active member of the local radio control model club and a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Association.

I have recently been informed of the proposed rule (proceeding is PR docket 92-235) that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. If adopted, this could make a hobby I enjoy immensely, costly and dangerous.

The radio frequencies we use are in the 72-76 MHZ band. We share this band with private land mobile dispatch operations with little to no interference to either of us due to the bands being far enough apart. The new proposed rule will eliminate safe use of at least 31 out of 50 on the 72 MHZ band and 10 of 30 frequencies for radio controlled boats and cars. Due to spacing the bands much closer together, it makes for unsafe operations of our models.

I find it difficult to believe that you would do this to such a fine hobby. I see many retirees, teenagers, and kids who get great joy and satisfaction out of this hobby. Why make such enjoyment dangerous and costly?

Please help us continue a past time I waited so long to enjoy! Don't let the FCC carry out proposal PR docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHZ bands. We need your help just like you needed mine in Operation

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. I personally have invested thousands of dollars in the hobby. The hobby provides hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Mollet". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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Dear Senator Bond:

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I started building model airplanes at the age of twelve as a member of the Boy Scouts. I have now retired from McDonnell Douglas as an Engineer and I am still actively engaged in building model airplanes. I have been building and flying Radio Controlled Model Aircraft since 1955 and am a member of a local club as well as a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is FR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for

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